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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS

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1. ACCORDING PANAM MANAGING DIRECTOR COMMEAU, SGAC HAS NOT YET REJECTED PANAM FILING FOR SPRING PROGRAM OF BERLIN-PARIS CHARTERS. WHEN FILING WAS MADE TO ESPEROU FEB. 23, HE SAID HE WOULD "SET IT ASIDE" AND TAKE NO ACTION THEREON UNTIL HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH BRITISH. SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED AS OF TODAY, FEB. 27.

2. WHEN COMMEAU RAISED QUESTION OF MARKET SHARING, ESPEROU SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW SGAC COULD OPPOSE IF AGREEMENT WERE REACHED BETWEEN PANAM AND AIR FRANCE. WE HAD PRIMED COMMEAU TO INDICATE THAT EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH MARKET SHARING SOLUTION, BUT ESPEROU TOOK INITIATIVE IN VOICING THIS POSSIBILITY HIMSELF. COMMEAU TOOK PREAGREED LINE THAT PANAM WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO BRING EMBASSY AROUND IF NEEDED. (COMMENT: SGAC MIGHT BE MORE AMENABLE TO DOING WHAT WE WANT IF IT APPEARS THEY AND PANAM HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TALK US INTO IT.)

3. PANAM BERLIN OFFICE TOLD COMMEAU THEY WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF COULD AGREE TO FIFTY-FIFTY SHARING OF CHARTER MARKET WITH AIR FRANCE. COMMEAU SUGGESTED ASKING FOR SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT AS INITIAL BARGAINING COUNTER.

4. SUGGEST DEPT. ADVISE PROMPTLY IF PANAM WOULD BE RUNNING AFOUL OF ANY US LAW OR REGULATION IF IT WERE TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH AIR FRANCE ON MARKET SHARING IN THE SENSE OF AIR FRANCE AGREEING NOT TO OBJECT TO A GIVEN NUMBER OF PANAM CHARTERS OVER A GIVEN PERIOD.
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